Sl. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	No. of KVKs
18.	Orissa	5
19.	Pondicherry	1
20.	Punjab	1
21.	Rajasthan	6
22.	Sikkim	1
23.	Tamil Nadu	5
24.	Tripura	2
25.	Uttar Pradesh	10
26.	West Bengal	5
	Total	89

(b) The central assistance provided to the Krishi Vigyan Kendras during each of the last three years was as follows:—

(*in lakh Rs.*)

S.N.	Year	Central assistance provided
1.	1984-85	414·56
2.	1985-86	486·99
3.	1986-87	516·15

(c) The Krishi Vigyan Kendras are the vocational training institutions in agriculture and allied areas. During the last three years, 14621 training courses of short as well as long durations have been organized at the K. V. Ks in the disciplines of Crop Production, Livestock Production, Horticulture, Fisheries Nutrition Home Management etc. benefitting 3,37,924 farmers farm-women fishermen far myouths school dropouts and field level extension functionaries.

Buffer stock of fertilizers

852. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fertiliser glut in the country caused by heavy imports despite higher indigenous production and lower consumption than estimated during the current year;

(b) whether the fertiliser glut has led to heavy price discounts besides seriously eroding the financial viability of the subsidized public sector adversely affecting its resources position;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up of a buffer stock both of imported and indigenous fertilisers or reimbursement of carrying costs to over-come the existing over-supply position, if so, by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether Government propose to stop imports of fertilizers including those from the rupee payment countries till the glut situation normalises, if so, what is the decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The consumption of fertilisers during the year 1986-87 has been less than the target because of unfavourable weather conditions in many parts of the country. This has resulted in an accumulation of fertiliser stock in the country.

(b) Discounts rainging from Rs. 450 to Rs. 550 per MT on urea and Rs. 650 to Rs. 750 per MT on DAP are reported to have been given. These discounts would adversely affect the generation of internal resources and profits of the companies.

(c) There is no proposal to create a buffer stock of imported or indigenous fertiliser. An on account payment has already been made to the organisations which had to hold imported fertiliser stock for periods much longer than the period for which inventory carrying cost was paid to them earlier.

(d) It has already been decided not to import any Urea or DAP upto September, 1987. Import requirements during the second half of the year will depend upon the demand and supply situation. According to present indications, it would not be necessary to make any imports even during the later part of the year except to meet some unavoidable international com-

mitments, However, imported stocks would not be released for distribution so long as indigenous stocks are available, as far as possible.

Prices of pulses

853. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the present retail prices of each type of pulses;

(b) whether the prices of pulses have increased much in the recent past;

(c) what are the reasons for the rise in prices of pulses;

(d) whether Government have taken any measures to bring down the retail prices of pulses in the market, if so, what are the details in this regard and the results achieved so far; and

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start distribution of pulses through the Public Distribution System network at support price and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) A statement showing the retail prices at on 20-4-1987 and the month end retail prices from October 1986 of major pulses at selected centres is attached. [*See* appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 53].

(c) The rise in prices is significant only in the case of Arhar dal and is due to a decline in production.

(d) The Central Government have promulgated an order called the "Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977" in exercise of the powers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to provide for stock limits for, among other commodities, pulses for various category of traders as a measure to prevent hoarding and to make them available to consumers at reasonable prices. The Government is also armed with the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981, and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Government who have been from time to check black marketing and profiteering. These provisions are enforced by State Governments who have been front time to time asked to enforce these provisions vigorously.

State Governments/Union Territories have also been requested to arrange sale of pulses through retail outlets of their co-operative network especially in urban areas.

(e) No soch proposal is under consideration.

D.D.A. Flats in ASIAD Village

854. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1294 given in Rajya Sabha on 6th March, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether before the start of the auction of the flats in the Asiad Village, the D. D. A. had announced that it would be responsible for any earlier liability in respect of these flats;

(b) if so, what are the liabilities in respect of these sold-out flats;

(c) whether the D. D. A. has to pay crores of rupees to the Municipal Corparation of Delhi towards taxes; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for not paying the dues to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and by when the said amount is proposed to be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) DDA has reported that before the auction of the Asiad flats on 26th March, 87 it was announced in the auction hall that the allottee is liable to pay Property Tax from the date the possession thereof is given to him. Such tax liabilities are to be assessed by MCD and intimated to the respective allottees.

(c) and (d) The flats in Asiad Games Villages Complex were constructed by the DDA and were used for a short period during Asiad, 82 NAM etc., According to the recent decision of Delhi Administration the individual allottee of property is